





 <div> <div> Governor Rick Snyder REINVENTING MICHIGAN </div> <div>Getting It Right. Getting It Done.</div> </div>	
DAY 1	Rick Snyder sworn into office
4	First executive order: added rural development to Dept of Agriculture's mission
6	Federal government permits Michigan to leverage up to \$2.2 billion from Canada's contribution to NITC as matching funds for road projects
19	First State of the State Address
31	Citizen's Guide to Michigan's Financial Health released
48	Proposed balanced budget a month ahead of deadline
54	Office of Regulatory Reinvention created to reduce regulations
67	First bill: Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program strengthened
69	Stable funding source for Pure Michigan established
75	Early warning system created for local governments in financial distress
80	Local government reform plan unveiled
88	Outdated and costly item pricing law repealed
89	\$102.1 million in grants from Natural Resources Trust Fund authorized
117	Snyder unveils plan to reinvent Michigan's education system
145	Job-killing Michigan Business Tax eliminated
146	Budget approved by lawmakers – earliest completed in three decades
153	Banks to provide \$3 billion of loans for Michigan business expansions
159	MEDC, Varnum law firm offer \$1 million in free legal services for start-ups
171	Education Achievement Authority for failing schools announced
172	Budget signed into law
193	Payment-method restrictions on taxpayers eased
196	Signed law to combat illegal methamphetamine production
200	Teacher tenure reform makes it easier to keep effective teachers
202	Obsolete rules on paper prescriptions from doctors to pharmacists eliminated
208	Fitch Ratings agency improves Michigan rating outlook to "positive"
256	Minimum staff requirements removed from city, village and county charters
257	Snyder outlines his vision for a healthier Michigan
263	6% use tax on Medicaid managed care organizations eliminated
266	New panel commissioned to help promote and evolve state parks
270	Reforms approved for public employee health care benefit contributions
272	Snyder travels to China to strengthen relationships, attract new investments
249	Strict 48-month time limit on cash assistance benefits signed into law
279	Parole boards to notify prosecutors when a prisoner is set to be released
280	Released action plan on defending Michigan against cyber attacks
285	Bipartisan law banning partial-birth abortion enacted
286	Executive order calls for investigating improvements in indigent legal defense
291	Easier to catch criminals, end stops from receiving welfare benefits, under new law
291	Signs 200th bill into law, steps lawmaker lifetime health care benefits
293	Mortgage fraud protection legislation signed into law
299	Issued special message on improving Michigan's infrastructure
306	Michigan's economic health named second-best in the nation
312	Physician assistants take on more patient care responsibility under new law
322	Pure Michigan Business Connect expands; \$5 billion more in loan access
326	New law extends support to age 21 for youths aging out of foster care
333	School board election dates standardized, saving school districts millions
334	Court Equity Fund fully funded under new law
335	New law to eliminate red tape, reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses
336	Welfare exemption protected for people with disabilities
340	Anti-bullying bill signed into law
347	\$100 million in incentives for community/economic development programs
347	Obstacles removed for local governments working to consolidate services
349	Contracts approved for FY 2013 with all state employee unions
349	Reforms for state retiree health care; long-term unfunded liability reduced
353	Workers' comp and unemployment insurance systems updated
354	Charter school reforms give parents and students more options
354	Heat stays on for thousands of households in need
355	Program secured for patient record security among Medicaid providers
355	Approved measures to enhance oversight of veterans programs
355	New film incentive program and battery production tax credit signed into law
356	Programs for crime victims strengthened
356	Homeowners see relief with new law that helps them avoid foreclosure
374	Snyder issues directive to promote government technology innovation
400	Snyder's proposed FY 2013 budget strategically invests in state's future
403	More minority representation on juries encouraged under new law
403	Retired, volunteer optometrists can serve the uninsured under new law
403	Financially troubled school districts get assistance
417	Counties allowed to absorb county road commissions
420	Emergency funding allows Highland Park students to finish school year
420	Services for visually impaired residents improved under executive order
431	Insurance fraud protection bolstered under new law signed by Snyder
431	Illegal trafficking of prescription drugs targeted under new law
432	Snyder releases special message on public safety
438	Background checks required for workers who care for elderly
438	Role of graduate student research assistants at universities clarified
440	Schools prohibited from deducting union dues, service fees from paychecks
442	Snyder leads trade mission to Italy and Germany
447	Access to lakes protected from obstruction by illegal boating activities
452	Funding for state retiree benefits ensured under new law
455	Michigan enters multistate agreement regarding offshore wind energy.
460	Snyder commends Detroit City Council upon approval of consent agreement
469	Michigan gives motorcyclists option of wearing a helmet
474	Insurance support guaranteed for diagnosis and treatment of autism
487	Children get new protections from all sex offenders, including their parents
487	Cleanup process of contaminated underground tanks reformed
501	Cyber charter schools increased; more eligibility for dual enrollment
502	Snyder signs bill to aid low-income homeowners with poverty exemptions
508	Better wireless Internet access in rural areas made possible under new law
509	FY 2013 budget includes bulk of new funding for K-12; lower income taxes
509	Cell phone service providers can expand without added fees, special permits
522	Taxpayers can donate to Special Olympics through income tax return
524	At-fault drivers have increased liability for repair or replacement costs
529	Biological fathers' paternal rights bolstered under new law
532	Agreement with Canada on New International Trade Crossing announced
536	Dangerous synthetic drugs targeted, including K2 and Spice
536	Senior citizen protection, food safety regulations signed into law
537	Tax collection streamlined under new law
542	\$300 million committed to higher education construction projects
542	Safety of school bus passengers bolstered under new legislation
543	FY 2013 budget bills signed. Balanced and done early, second year in a row
543	New laws bolster fruit farmers, increase prison time for child abuse, prevent Bridge Card abuse, and raise kindergarten age
544	Services for people with disabilities enhanced under executive order
545	Voluntary work-share program provides an alternative to employee layoffs
545	Access to telemedicine promoted in new law
546	Income tax rate lowered; personal tax exemptions increased
549	Election reform legislation enacted
552	Bridge Cards kept out of prisoners' hands under new law
579	Nearly \$38 million in Natural Resources Trust Fund grants authorized
579	More flexibility for how state gives emergency loans to schools, cities
579	Relief to those at risk of losing homes to faulty foreclosure processes
580	Pathways to Potential neighborhood revitalization program announced
585	Sand dunes and rights of homeowners protected under new law
586	Emergency Financial Managers appointed in four cities, three school districts
601	Accord between State of Michigan and Indian tribes affirmed
601	New law ensures more effective use of taxpayer transportation dollars
613	Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System reformed
614	State employees invited to offer innovative ideas on "Bureaucracy Busters"
620	Sweeping reforms to Blue Cross Blue Shield proposed
629	Snyder begins China trade mission with opening of Michigan China Center
640	Mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years set for violent repeat offenders
648	More thorough and effective nursing home inspection process enacted
654	New protections for cities against false reports of crimes, other emergencies
662	Increased protection for young athletes from sports-related concussions
678	Snyder declares Hire a Veteran Month, announces career fairs for veterans
679	Michigan Cyber Range opens to help detect and prevent cyber attacks
696	Michigan Trade Office in Canada opens to promote trade, tourism
697	Marquette's Presque Isle Power Plant stays open under new agreement
698	Snyder delivers special message on energy and the environment
704	Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board created
711	Snyder signs Freedom to Choose legislation into law
718	Snyder calls for comprehensive review of issues related to gun violence
719	New law helps veterans gain employment in electrician and plumbing fields
719	Regional Transit Authority in Southeast Michigan created
719	New bills establish Detroit Lighting Authority, provide funding for Detroit's Eastern Market, and authorize DDA funding for new hockey arena
720	Fairer, more streamlined process for recalling elected officials enacted
720	Personal Property Tax, Severance Tax reformed; regulatory reforms enacted
721	Veterans can apply MP experience to obtaining work as private security guards
727	Organized Retail Crime Act enacted to protect consumers from retail fraud
727	Local governments receive new tools for solving fiscal crises
728	Michiganders get more privacy protections for private Internet accounts
728	Signed bill that consolidates management functions for all substance abuse services into common entities under Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs)
728	Signed bill to increase safety standards at abortion clinics/prevent coercive abortions
734	Lt. Gov. Calley signed legislation to stiffen penalties against the crime of arson
734	A new law protects property owners and renters
740	Signed Kelsey's Law to protect inexperienced drivers/ban cellphone use for drivers on a level 1 or level 2 graduated driver license
740	Signed Erin's Law, in honor of sexual abuse survivor Erin Merryn, to strengthen protections and educate against sexual abuse of children
746	Ford Motor Co., Chrysler and several automotive suppliers announce support of the Pure Michigan Business Connect program
747	Third State of the State Address: "Michigan is the nation's comeback state!"
748	Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) established
749	Received \$31 million in federal funds for RTA/improvements to public transportation
749	Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency formed within the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to better connect eligible veterans with their benefits
754	Michigan Strategic Fund's approved 14 business expansions expected to generate \$1.1 billion in investments and add 4,590 jobs
769	Fiscal year 2014 state budget presented to the Legislature
774	Issued Executive Order for a streamlined Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
774	Issued Executive Order establishing the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision; ensures safe return of runaways on probation/parole who fled state
784	Issued Executive Orders to support mental health initiatives in Michigan
791	Determination that City of Detroit is in a financial emergency is announced
804	Kevyn Orr as emergency financial manager of Detroit
817	Signed legislation providing \$21 million for 58 emergency harbor dredging projects
817	Michigan Strategic Fund supports nine business expansions expected to generate more than \$81 million in investment and add 897 jobs
823	Fitch Ratings has upgraded Michigan's general obligation credit rating to AA
833	Presidential Permit granted for NITC, a project expected to create 12,000 jobs
834	Lt. Gov. Calley travels to the Netherlands on a six-day investment mission
837	Bill reformed existing Mortgage Industry Advisory Board law to benefit homeowners
838	Joined nationwide "virtual march" on Washington to urge Congress to enact immigration reform that would attract entrepreneurs/innovators from other countries
839	Plan for no-fault auto insurance reform announced
839	Lt. Gov. Calley addressed automotive supplier industry executives in the Netherlands
840	Unemployed Flint residents find full-time jobs through Community Ventures program
844	Licensing process for certain recreational vehicles simplified in new pair of bills
851	Ecorse financial emergency resolved; \$19 million deficit eliminated
854	Mobile Constituent Services Office begins tour of Michigan communities
861	Legislation signed to give local gov additional financing tool to fund dredging needs
863	Lt. Gov. Calley leads a six-day investment mission to Brazil
865	Veterans designation on Michigan driver's licenses and state IDs legislation signed
871	Executive Order to promote administrative efficiency for Michigan Land Bank, State Building Authority
872	Stricter sentences for criminals who embezzle seniors or mentally ill adults approved
879	Bill expanding participation in multistate Wildlife Violator Compact signed
886	Office of Children's Ombudsman now allowed to share information from investigations related to child deaths with law enforcement
887	\$4 Million plan to bring justice to women who were victims of sexual violence
887	Bill to reduce Bridge Card fraud signed
888	Tax incentives for private forestland owners to enter the state's Qualified Forest Program
888	\$100 million in federal funds to fight blight in five cities
888	Executive Order to create Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs
890	Bill signed to protect retired dentists who volunteer services from frivolous lawsuits
893	Snyder signs a three-bill package to streamline the election process.
893	Snyder signs bills to reduce and penalize Bridge Card fraud
895	U.S. Small Business administration approves disaster declaration after disasterous floods
896	Snyder signs FY14 Budget
896	Snyder leads delegation to enhance Michigan's business ties with Israel
900	Lt. Gov. Calley signs bills to ensure funding for Detroit Zoo, Detroit Institute of Arts
900	Presidential approval of disaster request received for 16 counties after disasterous floods
901	New law allows local governments to prohibit use of consumer fireworks
902	Snyder announces partnership to encourage integration of skilled immigrant work force
907	Regulatory hurdles that burden homeowners eliminated
909	Bill signed to allow funeral directors from neighboring states to practice in Michigan
913	Michigan's indigent defense system reformed
913	Snyder urges passage of crucial Healthy Michigan legislation
913	Low income energy assistance fund to aid Michigan's most vulnerable citizens
914	Wetland protection bill signed
914	Laws passed to protect education of students in troubled school districts
914	Snyder meets with small business owners to hear need for Healthy Michigan legislation
915	Funds allocated for DNA testing on unprocessed rape kits
921	Snyder meets with small-business owners in Houghton to discuss Healthy Michigan plan
927	New Detroit Public Schools emergency manager named
936	Detroit arena/entertainment project to create 4,380 construction jobs
936	New investments expected to create nearly 5,000 Michigan jobs
944	Detroit Detention Center enhances public safety for the citizens of Detroit
951	Regional initiative makes state more globally competitive
957	Snyder supports proposal to relocate the Wayne County Jail complex
963	\$100 million in federal funds distributed to fight blight in five cities
969	Launch of largest residential blight removal effort in state history
970	Senate passes Healthy Michigan plan
973	Snyder leads 10-day trade mission to China and Japan
977	Automotive Industry Office created
979	Pure Michigan campaign expands to China
980	Mobile office hours continue to provide assistance with state government
983	Michigan receives technical assistance to explore pay-for-success opportunities using social impact bonds
983	Snyder makes pitch for Japanese firms to invest in Michigan during Tokyo visit
986	Michigan's auto industry and investment promoted at Chinese development forum
990	Healthy Michigan signed into law, bringing health care to 470,000 Michiganders
991	Snyder signs bill to streamline hunting and fishing/boost investment in natural resources
998	New laws allow state to better assist communities rebounding from natural disasters
998	Bill signed to help fill funding gap for affordable housing projects
999	Access for off-road vehicles expanded
1000	1000 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF RELENTLESS POSITIVE ACTION IN MICHIGAN
1005	New law helps protect students, changes grade level for immunization reporting
1005	Lease signed to make Belle Isle a state park, helping to revitalize Detroit
1008	Snyder visits Canada to help reinforce Michigan's economic ties and increase exports
1013	State's business improvement zones enhanced under new state law
1015	Snyder joins volunteers at Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park to help fight hunger
1019	New state law makes it easier for accountants to form companies, grow and serve customers
1026	Victims' families get the justice they deserve with new law ensuring restitution payments
1033	Reforms to unemployment insurance helps ensure financial support for those truly in need
1036	Snyder announces career fairs to help connect veterans with career opportunities
1039	Snyder, Mayor Bing launch expansion of innovative crime reduction model in Detroit
1039	Michigan launches public-private partnership to provide micro loans for small businesses
1040	Snyder signs bill to fund, maintain sex offender registry
1041	Michigan families get tax relief with new law signed by Governor Snyder
1047	Snyder signs tax relief legislation for families of disabled veterans
1048	New law helps veterans use their skills to find jobs, build careers in Michigan
1050	Snyder announces new IT career training program for veterans
1061	Snyder, Mayor Bing, Goldman Sachs Launch 10,000 Small Businesses Initiative in Detroit
1061	"MISS DIG" updates help protect underground infrastructure and Michiganders from danger
1068	Federal judge issues ruling allowing Detroit to stay on a path toward a brighter future
1069	Snyder welcomes new citizens at first-ever swearing-in ceremony at State Capitol
1078	New OK-2-SAY hotline created to help prevent school tragedies and protect students
1082	Snyder signs law requiring schools to carry epinephrine injectors, ensuring student safety
1083	Michigan communities get new tools to fight blight in new law signed by Snyder
1084	Snyder lays out vision for Michigan's energy future
1084	More success for Michigan students as state wins Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
1088	New laws make medications more affordable, create tax break for blind residents, promote breast cancer awareness
1091	Consumers get new protections against 'skimmers' that steal personal information
1092	New reforms to campaign finance laws add unprecedented levels of transparency
1095	Snyder signs bills increasing government efficiency, providing better oversight
1095	New laws allow creation of additional mental health courts
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